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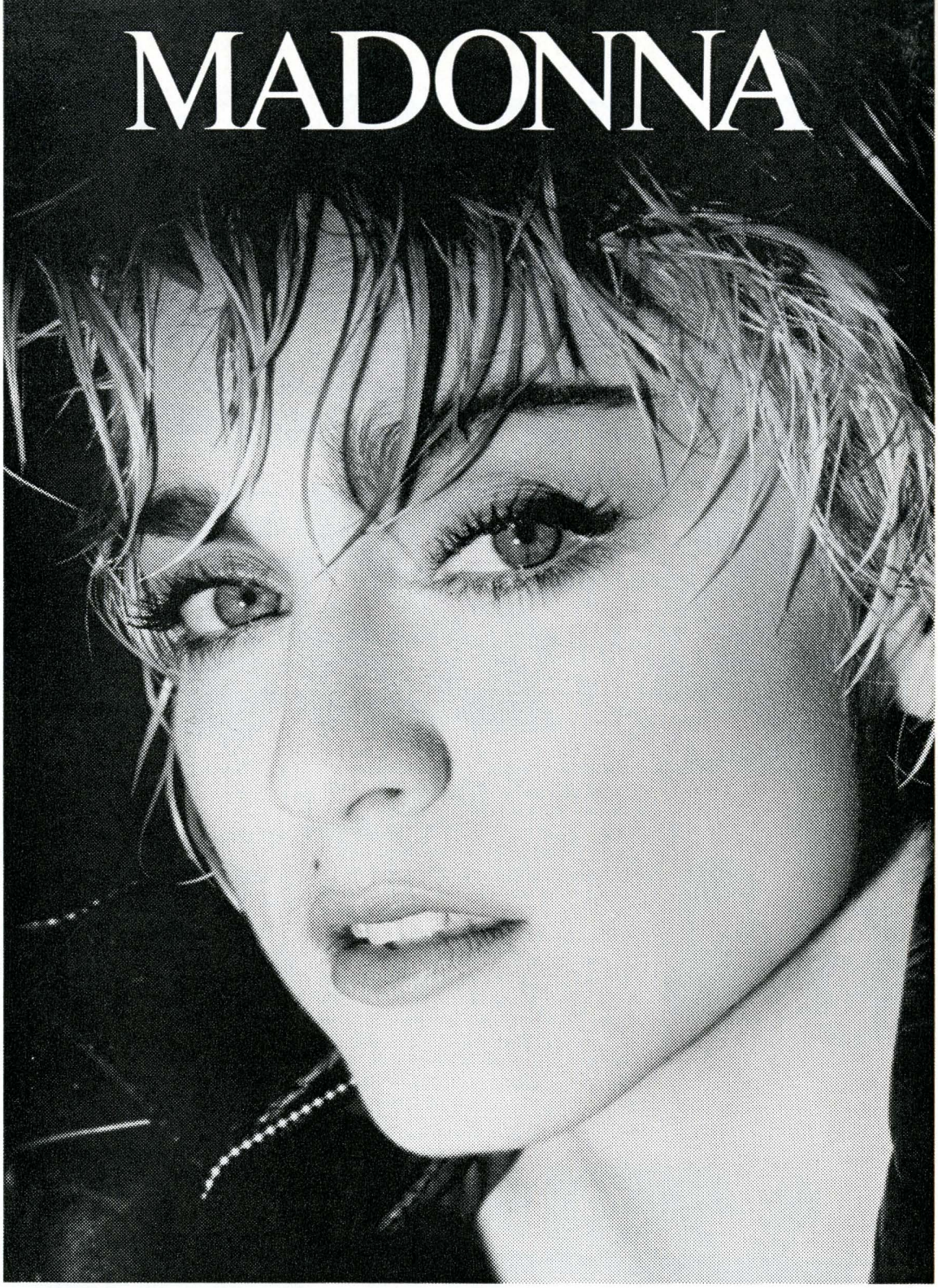


WHO'S THAT GIRL

AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AIDS RESEARCH

MONDAY, JULY 13, 1987

Last year my best friend died of aids. Watching him die was the most frightening experience of my life.

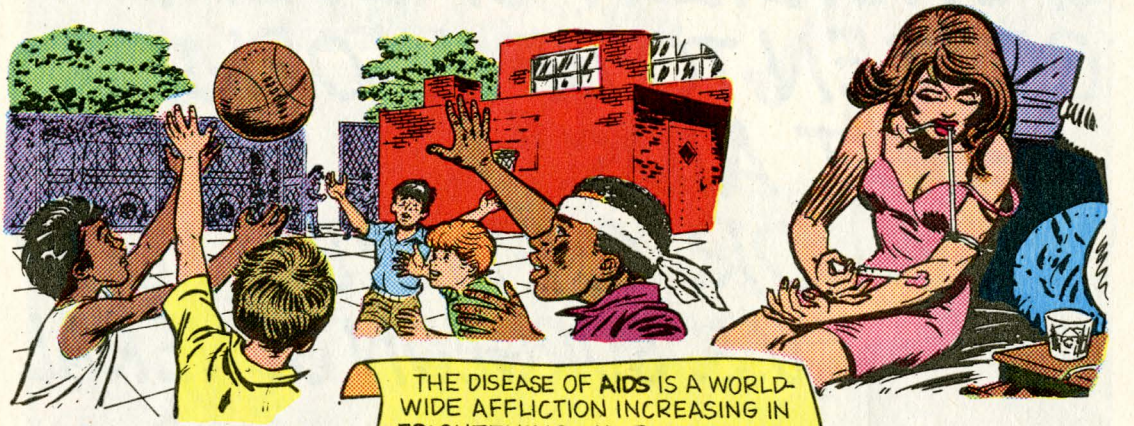
Right now there is no cure for aids but there is a way to stop it from spreading. Don't let fear keep you from knowing the facts.

Read this booklet - then give it to your best friend. It just might save his or her life ..... it just might save your own.

Love Madonna

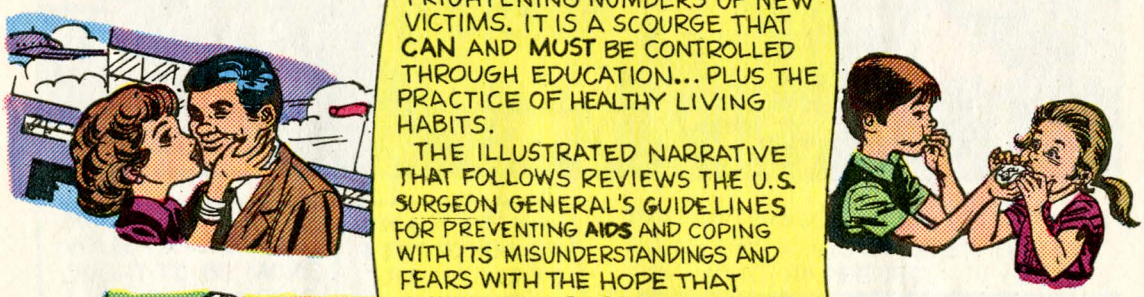
AIDS

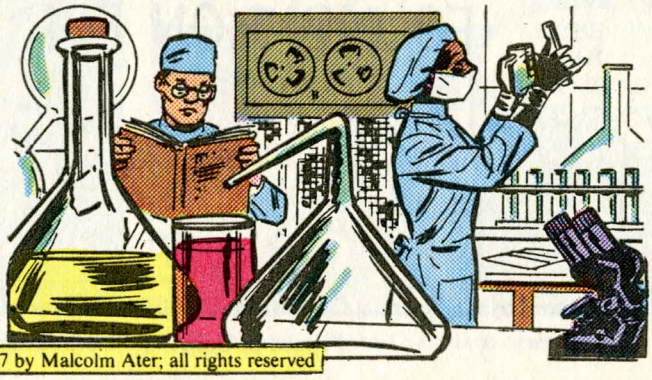
(ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME)



THE DISEASE OF **AIDS** IS A WORLD-WIDE AFFLICTION INCREASING IN FRIGHTENING NUMBERS OF NEW VICTIMS. IT IS A SCOURGE THAT **CAN** AND **MUST** BE CONTROLLED THROUGH EDUCATION... PLUS THE PRACTICE OF HEALTHY LIVING HABITS.

THE ILLUSTRATED NARRATIVE THAT FOLLOWS REVIEWS THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S GUIDELINES FOR PREVENTING **AIDS** AND COPING WITH ITS MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND FEARS WITH THE HOPE THAT THE WISDOM OF BOTH HIS ASSURANCES AND WARNINGS WILL BE HEEDED BY ALL.





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"... AIDS IS PREVENTABLE. IT CAN BE CONTROLLED BY CHANGES IN PERSONAL BEHAVIOR. IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EVERY CITIZEN TO BE INFORMED ABOUT AIDS."

DR. C. EVERETT KOOP
U.S. SURGEON GENERAL

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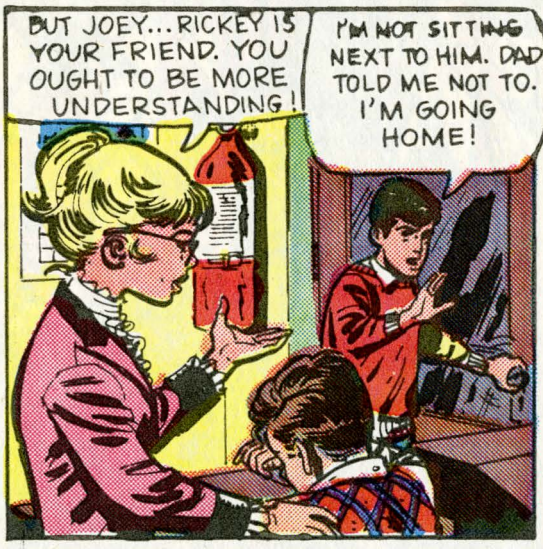
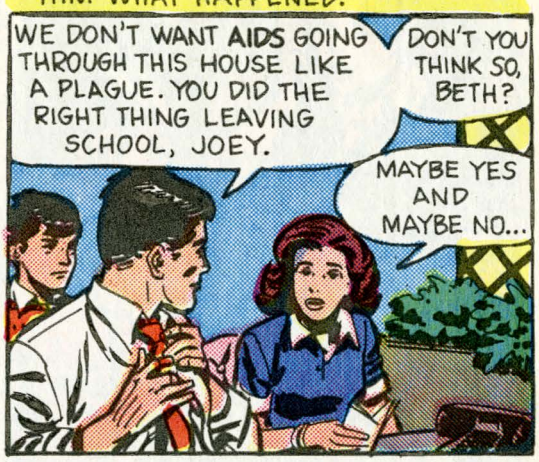
ONE MORNING IN A JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CLASSROOM A STUDENT'S OUTBURST TRIGGERS OFF A CONTROVERSY THAT ROCKS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY...

RICKEY'S GOT **AIDS**, TEACHER! EVERYBODY KNOWS IT AND WE'RE SCARED! MY DAD SAYS IT'S A KILLER AND FOR ME TO STAY AWAY FROM HIM!





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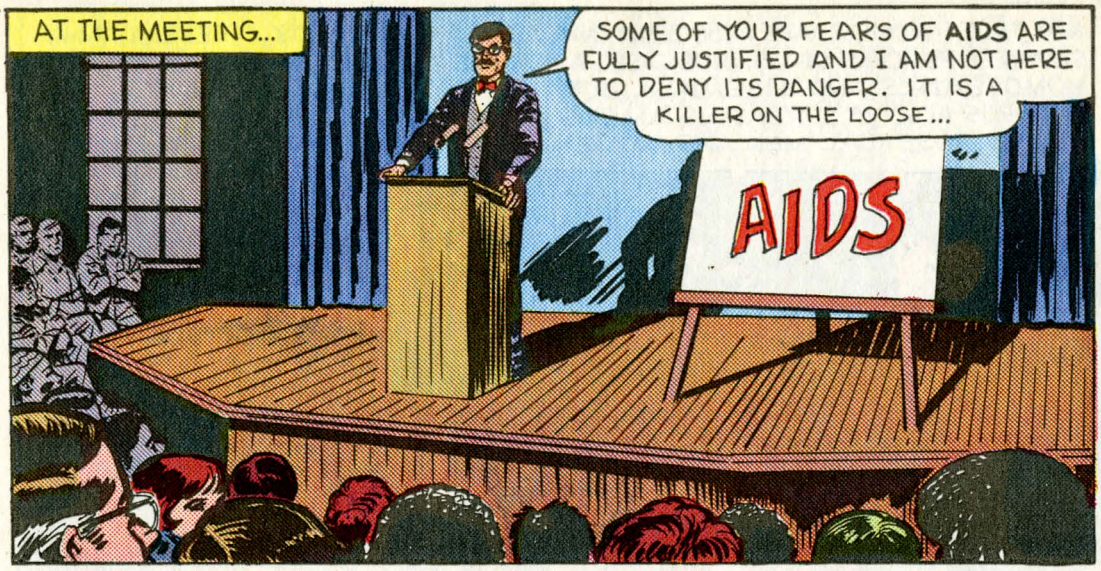
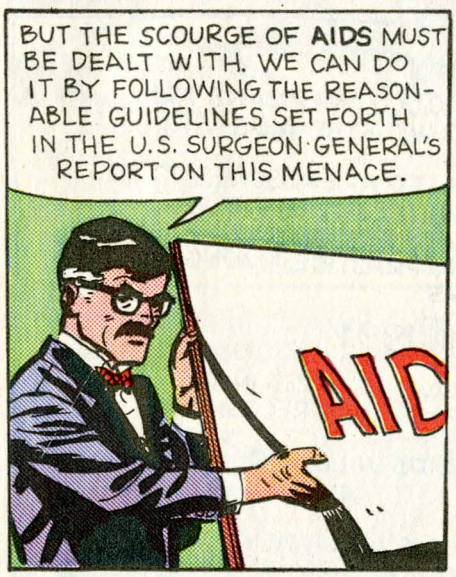
WITH ALL THE RUMORS GOING AROUND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO BELIEVE. I WISH WE COULD GET SOME FACTS!
OH, THE PHONE...
R-R-RINNG!

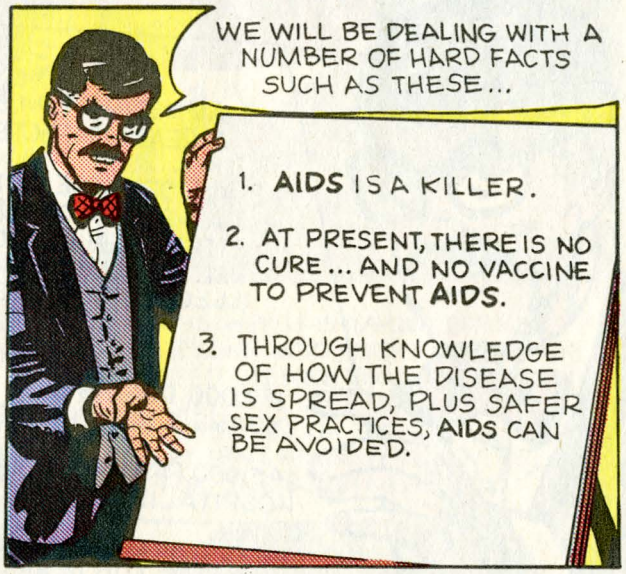
HI, BETH. THIS IS PEGGY. EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT WHAT JOHNNY DID AT SCHOOL THIS MORNING. THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS IN AN UPROAR OVER RICKEY'S **AIDS**.
YES, AND I'M SORRY. WE NEED TO GET THE TRUTH ABOUT THAT AWFUL DISEASE!

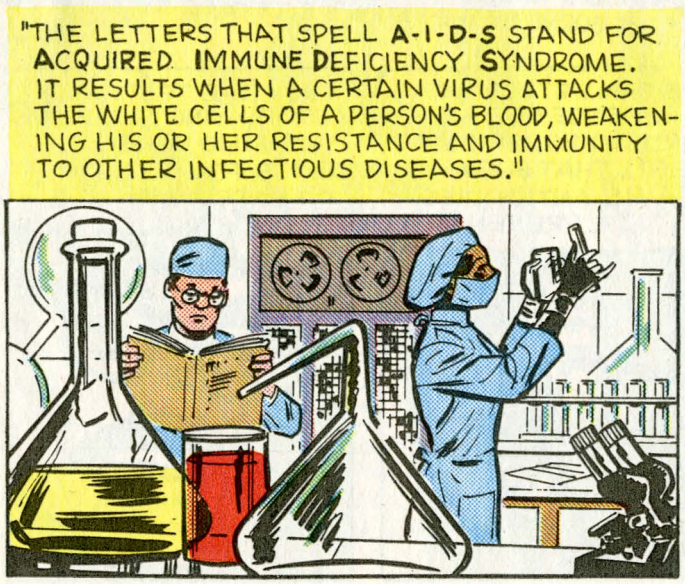
WE CAN, BETH. YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT THE **AIDS** TASK FORCE BEING ORGANIZED. WELL, WE'RE CALLING AN EMERGENCY MEETING TONIGHT AT TOWN HALL. YOU AND BOB OUGHT TO COME!
GREAT IDEA, PEGGY. WE'LL BE THERE!

BE SURE AND BRING JOEY, TOO. A SPOKESMAN FROM THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS COMING TO GIVE US THE FACTS AND STOP A LOT OF GOSSIP.

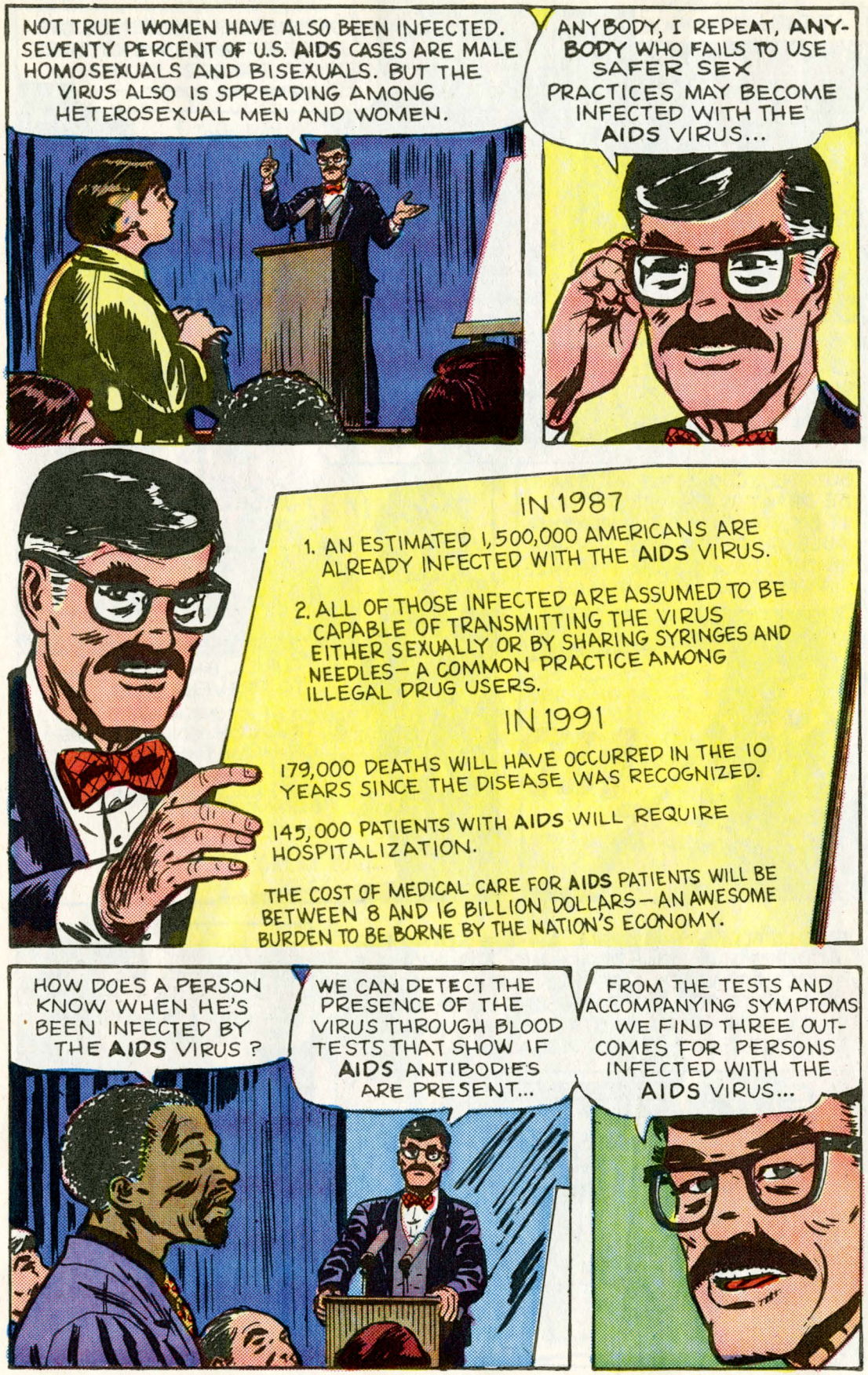

AT THE MEETING...
SOME OF YOUR FEARS OF AIDS ARE FULLY JUSTIFIED AND I AM NOT HERE TO DENY ITS DANGER. IT IS A KILLER ON THE LOOSE...
AIDS

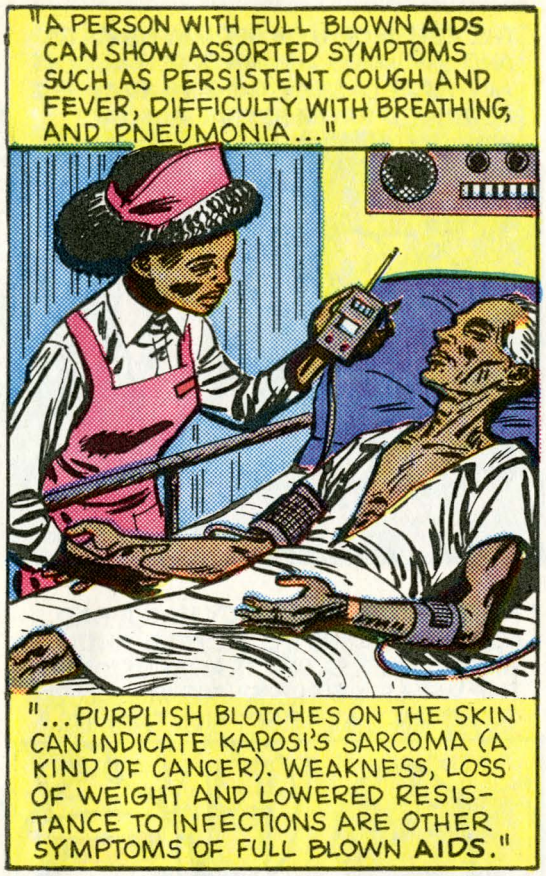

BUT THE SCOURGE OF AIDS MUST BE DEALT WITH. WE CAN DO IT BY FOLLOWING THE REASONABLE GUIDELINES SET FORTH IN THE U.S. SURGEON GENERAL'S REPORT ON THIS MENACE.
AID


WE WILL BE DEALING WITH A NUMBER OF HARD FACTS SUCH AS THESE...
1. AIDS IS A KILLER.
2. AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO CURE... AND NO VACCINE TO PREVENT AIDS.
3. THROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THE DISEASE IS SPREAD, PLUS SAFER SEX PRACTICES, AIDS CAN BE AVOIDED.

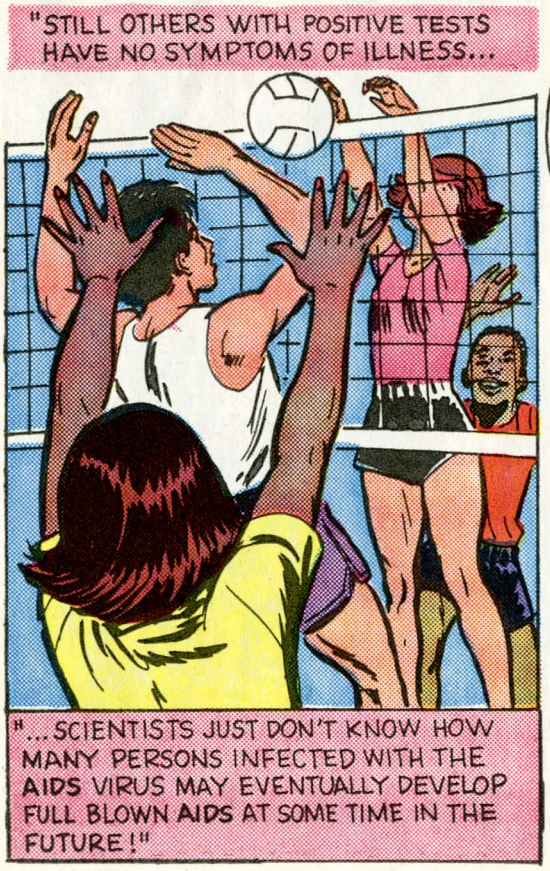

"THE LETTERS THAT SPELL A-I-D-S STAND FOR ACQUIRED IMMUNE DEFICIENCY SYNDROME. IT RESULTS WHEN A CERTAIN VIRUS ATTACKS THE WHITE CELLS OF A PERSON'S BLOOD, WEAKENING HIS OR HER RESISTANCE AND IMMUNITY TO OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES."

BUT YOU SAID HIS OR HER RESISTANCE. I'VE HEARD THAT AIDS IS A DISEASE OF ONLY HOMOSEXUAL MEN!

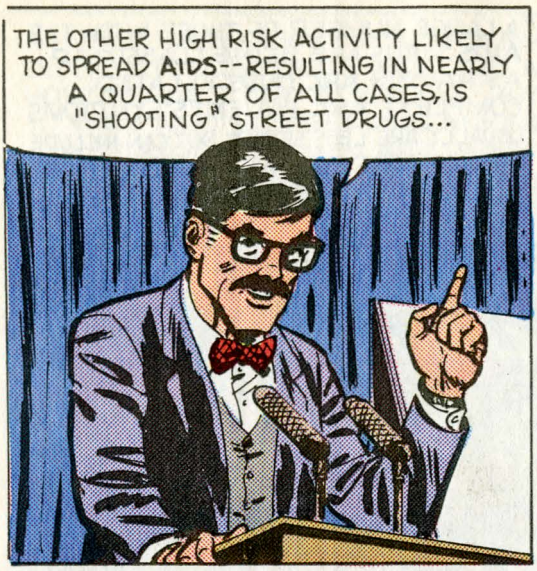

NOT TRUE! WOMEN HAVE ALSO BEEN INFECTED. SEVENTY PERCENT OF U.S. AIDS CASES ARE MALE HOMOSEXUALS AND BISEXUALS. BUT THE VIRUS ALSO IS SPREADING AMONG HETEROSEXUAL MEN AND WOMEN.
ANYBODY, I REPEAT, ANYBODY WHO FAILS TO USE SAFER SEX PRACTICES MAY BECOME INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS...
IN 1987
1. AN ESTIMATED 1,500,000 AMERICANS ARE ALREADY INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS.
2. ALL OF THOSE INFECTED ARE ASSUMED TO BE CAPABLE OF TRANSMITTING THE VIRUS EITHER SEXUALLY OR BY SHARING SYRINGES AND NEEDLES—A COMMON PRACTICE AMONG ILLEGAL DRUG USERS.
IN 1991
179,000 DEATHS WILL HAVE OCCURRED IN THE 10 YEARS SINCE THE DISEASE WAS RECOGNIZED.
145,000 PATIENTS WITH AIDS WILL REQUIRE HOSPITALIZATION.
THE COST OF MEDICAL CARE FOR AIDS PATIENTS WILL BE BETWEEN 8 AND 16 BILLION DOLLARS—AN AWESOME BURDEN TO BE BORNE BY THE NATION'S ECONOMY.
HOW DOES A PERSON KNOW WHEN HE'S BEEN INFECTED BY THE AIDS VIRUS?
WE CAN DETECT THE PRESENCE OF THE VIRUS THROUGH BLOOD TESTS THAT SHOW IF AIDS ANTIBODIES ARE PRESENT...
FROM THE TESTS AND ACCOMPANYING SYMPTOMS WE FIND THREE OUTCOMES FOR PERSONS INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS...


"A PERSON WITH FULL BLOWN AIDS CAN SHOW ASSORTED SYMPTOMS SUCH AS PERSISTENT COUGH AND FEVER, DIFFICULTY WITH BREATHING, AND PNEUMONIA..."
"...PURPLISH BLOTCHES ON THE SKIN CAN INDICATE KAPOSI'S SARCOMA (A KIND OF CANCER). WEAKNESS, LOSS OF WEIGHT AND LOWERED RESISTANCE TO INFECTIONS ARE OTHER SYMPTOMS OF FULL BLOWN AIDS."

"A LARGE NUMBER OF THOSE WITH THE AIDS VIRUS ARE BEING CLASSIFIED AS HAVING ARC (AIDS RELATED COMPLEX). ARC PATIENTS' SYMPTOMS USUALLY ARE LESS SEVERE BUT CAN INCLUDE LOSS OF APPETITE, WEIGHT LOSS, FEVER, SKIN RASHES, DIARRHEA, TIREDNESS AND SWOLLEN LYMPH GLANDS...

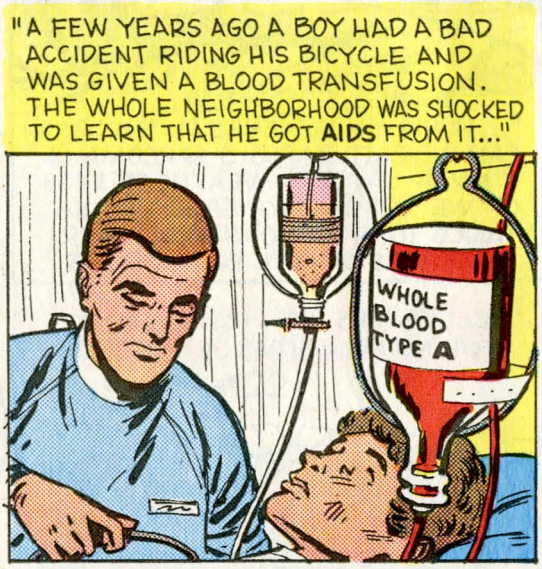

"STILL OTHERS WITH POSITIVE TESTS HAVE NO SYMPTOMS OF ILLNESS...
"...SCIENTISTS JUST DON'T KNOW HOW MANY PERSONS INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS MAY EVENTUALLY DEVELOP FULL BLOWN AIDS AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE!"

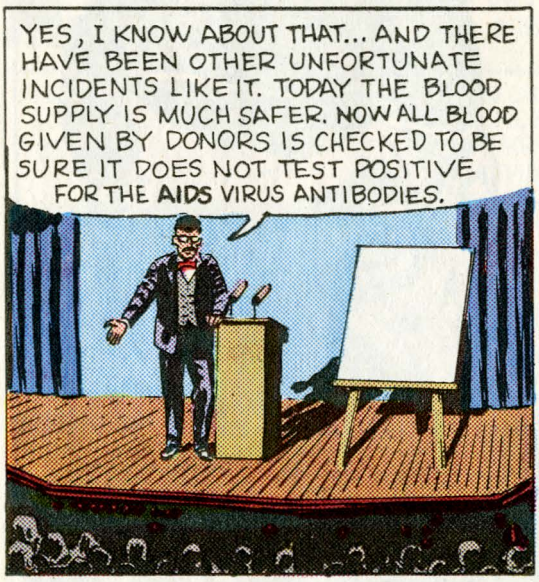
THAT IS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR EVERYONE WHO MIGHT HAVE CONTRACTED THE AIDS VIRUS THROUGH UNSAFE SEX PRACTICES TO TALK TO HIS OR HER PHYSICIAN, OR THE LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT, ABOUT A BLOOD TEST FOR THE AIDS ANTIBODY.

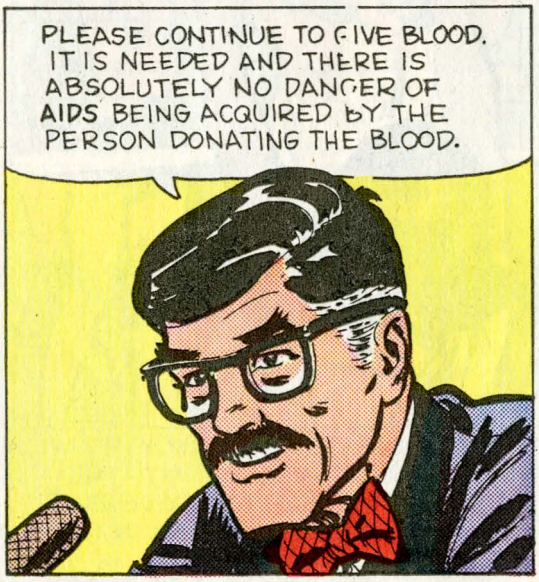

THE OTHER HIGH RISK ACTIVITY LIKELY TO SPREAD AIDS--RESULTING IN NEARLY A QUARTER OF ALL CASES, IS "SHOOTING" STREET DRUGS...

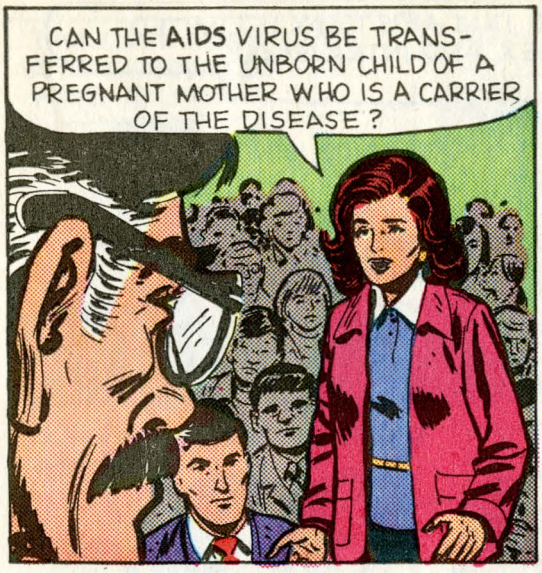
"THE REUSE OF HYPODERMIC NEEDLES AND SYRINGES ACCOUNTS FOR ALMOST ALL AIDS CASES OTHER THAN THOSE ACQUIRED FROM SEXUAL CONTACT...

BUT HOW ABOUT TRANS-FUSIONS? WE HAD A CASE RIGHT HERE IN THIS NEIGHBORHOOD...

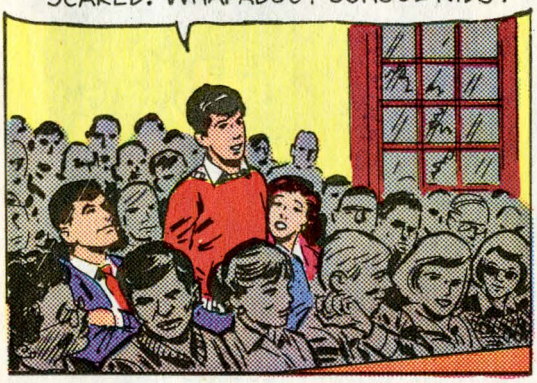

"A FEW YEARS AGO A BOY HAD A BAD ACCIDENT RIDING HIS BICYCLE AND WAS GIVEN A BLOOD TRANSFUSION. THE WHOLE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS SHOCKED TO LEARN THAT HE GOT AIDS FROM IT..."
WHOLE BLOOD TYPE A

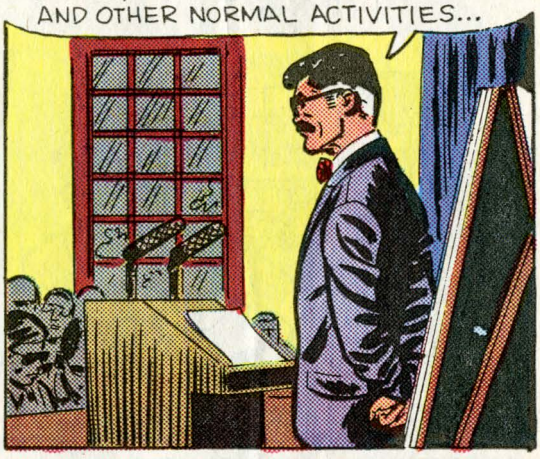

YES, I KNOW ABOUT THAT... AND THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER UNFORTUNATE INCIDENTS LIKE IT. TODAY THE BLOOD SUPPLY IS MUCH SAFER. NOW ALL BLOOD GIVEN BY DONORS IS CHECKED TO BE SURE IT DOES NOT TEST POSITIVE FOR THE AIDS VIRUS ANTIBODIES.


PLEASE CONTINUE TO GIVE BLOOD. IT IS NEEDED AND THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO DANGER OF AIDS BEING ACQUIRED BY THE PERSON DONATING THE BLOOD.


CAN THE AIDS VIRUS BE TRANSFERRED TO THE UNBORN CHILD OF A PREGNANT MOTHER WHO IS A CARRIER OF THE DISEASE?

CERTAINLY! EITHER DURING PREGNANCY OR AT BIRTH THE CHILD CAN BECOME INFECTED BY THE VIRUS.


I'VE GOT A QUESTION TOO, SIR. THAT BOY WHO GOT AIDS FROM A BLOOD TRANSFUSION IS MY BEST FRIEND. I'M ASHAMED NOW, BUT I WALKED OUT OF SCHOOL TODAY 'CAUSE I WAS SCARED. WHAT ABOUT SCHOOL KIDS?


THERE IS NO DANGER FROM THE USUAL CONTACT BETWEEN CHILDREN IN CLASSROOMS, PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASSES AND OTHER NORMAL ACTIVITIES...

"NOT ONE CASE OF AIDS IN THE UNITED STATES HAS BEEN TRANSMITTED IN A SCHOOL, CHILD CARE OR FOSTER CARE SETTING."

IT SHOULD BE EMPHASIZED THAT **AIDS** TODAY IS LIMITED ALMOST ENTIRELY TO SEX AND INTRAVENOUS DRUG USE...

"MOST SOCIAL BEHAVIOR IS SAFE. **AIDS** IS NOT TRANSMITTED FROM..."

"SHAKING HANDS..."

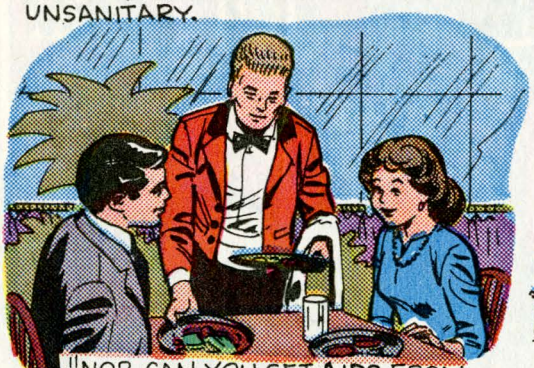
"SOCIAL KISSING..."

"CRYING..."

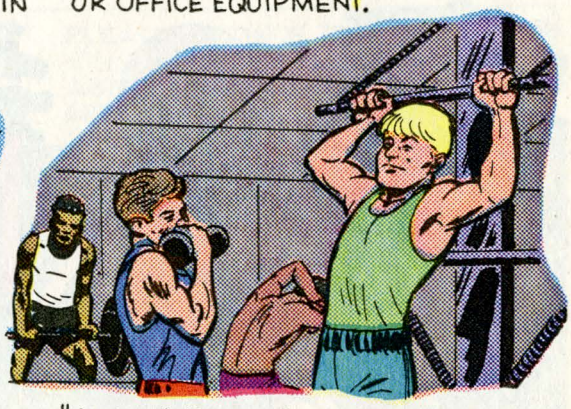
"OR SNEEZING."

"NOR DOES THE SHARING OF BED LINENS, TOWELS, CUPS, OR STRAWS WITH A PERSON INFECTED WITH THE **AIDS** VIRUS PUT ONE IN DANGER, ALTHOUGH SUCH PRACTICE IS UNSANITARY.

"YOU CANNOT GET **AIDS** FROM DOOR-KNOBS, TOILETS, TELEPHONES OR OFFICE EQUIPMENT."

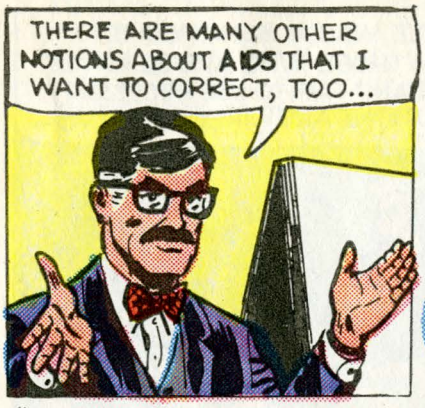


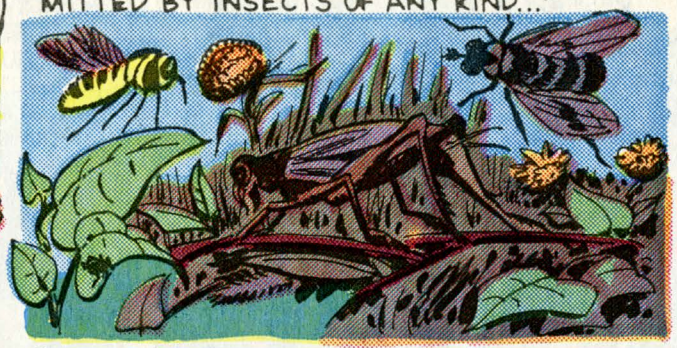
"NOR CAN YOU GET **AIDS** FROM EATING IN A RESTAURANT WHERE FOOD IS SERVED BY A CARRIER."



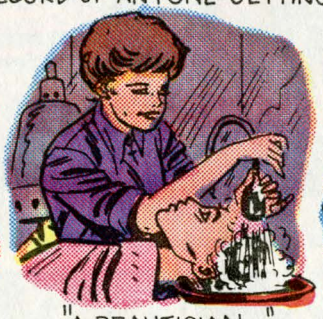
"AND THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANYONE GETTING **AIDS** FROM SWIMMING POOLS OR HEALTH SPAS."

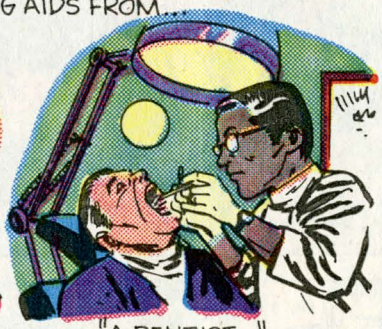
THE AIDS VIRUS IS SPREAD THROUGH THE EXCHANGE OF SEMEN OR BLOOD DURING SEXUAL CONTACT AND FROM SHARING INTRAVENOUS DRUG NEEDLES OR WORKS.





"AND THERE IS NO RECORD OF ANYONE GETTING AIDS FROM..."



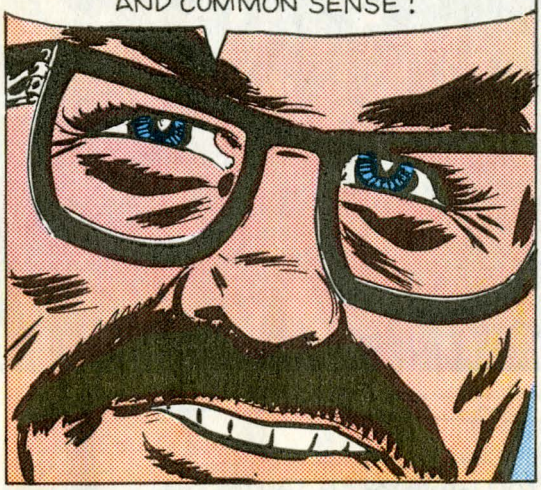


1. **AIDS** RESULTS FROM SEXUAL CONTACT WITH AN INFECTED PERSON—MALE OR FEMALE.

2. **AIDS** RESULTS FROM SHARING SYRINGES AND NEEDLES CONTAMINATED WITH BLOOD OF A CARRIER OF THE VIRUS.

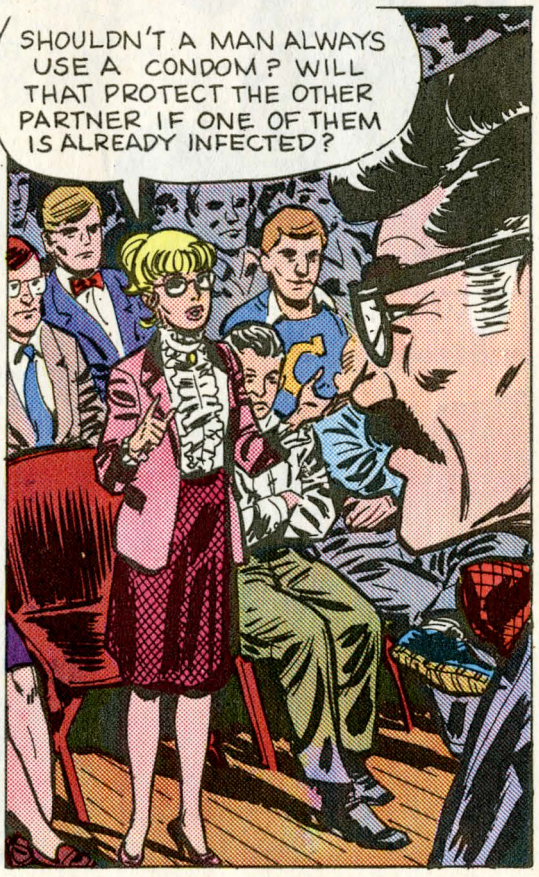
3. **AIDS** RESULTS FROM AN INFECTED MOTHER PASSING THE VIRUS TO HER BABY BEFORE OR AT BIRTH.

BASED ON WHAT IS KNOWN FROM RESEARCH, WHO ARE THE PEOPLE MOST LIKELY TO GET AIDS?
PEOPLE WHOSE BEHAVIOR IS RISKY—THOSE WHO ARE SEXUALLY ACTIVE AND FAIL TO USE NECESSARY PRECAUTIONS ARE LIKELY VICTIMS...
"BECAUSE OF INDISCRIMINATE SEX ACTIVITIES, ALL PROSTITUTES, BOTH MALE AND FEMALE, MUST BE SUSPECTED OF CARRYING THE AIDS VIRUS..."
"...BUT ANY PERSON WHO DARES TO HAVE UNPROTECTED SEX WITH A PICK-UP AT A BAR--OR ANYWHERE FOR THAT MATTER--COULD BE MAKING A FATAL MISTAKE!"

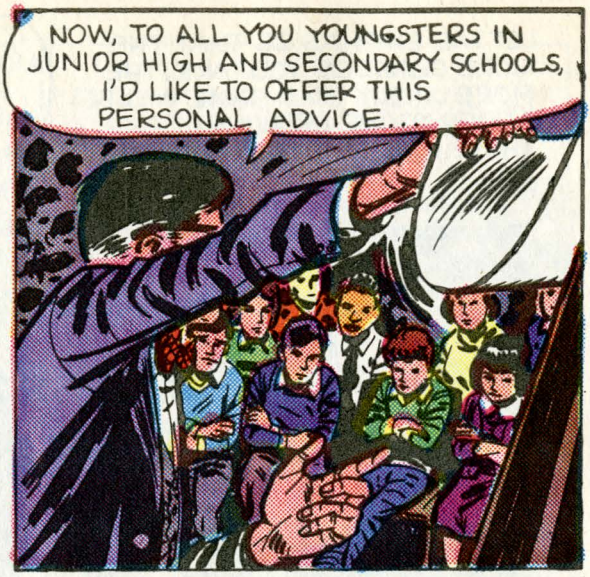

LET ME EMPHASIZE THAT THE MORE CHANCES YOU TAKE, THE MORE LIKELY YOUR NAME WILL BE ADDED TO THE GROWING LIST OF THOSE DOOMED TO DESPAIR FOR FAILING TO USE PRECAUTION... AND COMMON SENSE!

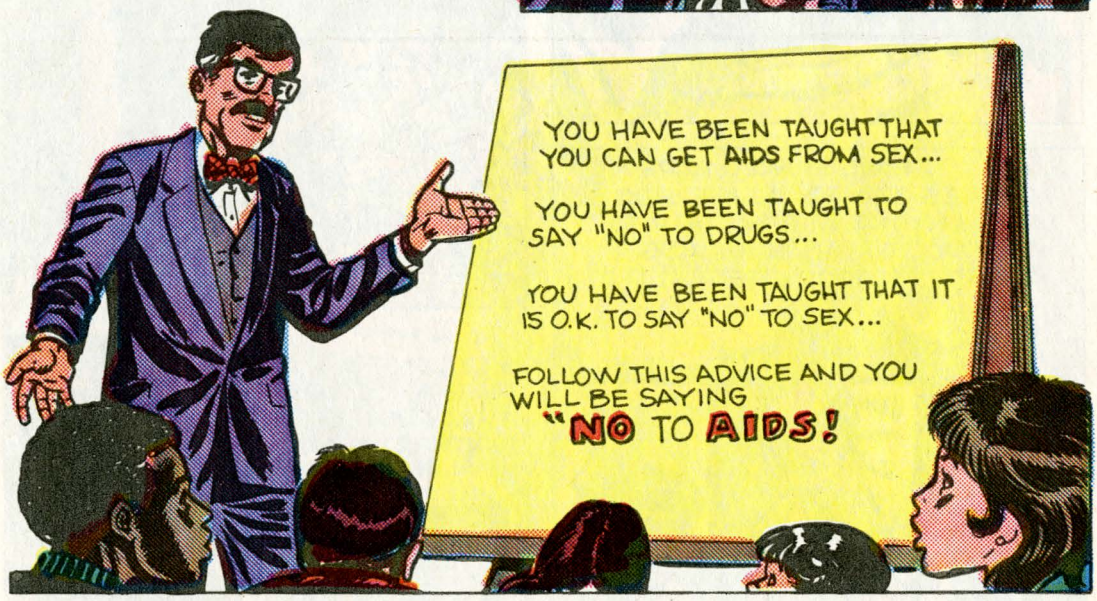
IT IS NOT MY ROLE HERE TO DISCUSS MORALITY OF SEX BEHAVIOR BUT TO GIVE YOU SOME HARD TRUTHS ABOUT THE DEADLY **AIDS** VIRUS...
EXIT

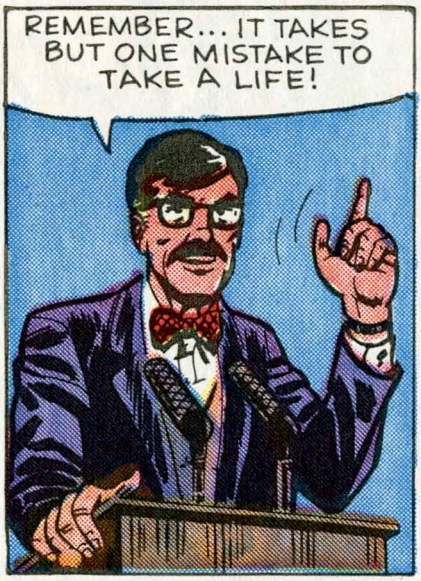
"... IF YOU HAVE SHARED IV DRUG NEEDLES OR HAD UNSAFE SEX WITH ANYONE AT RISK, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR ABOUT HAVING AN **AIDS** ANTIBODY TEST..."
"IF YOU TEST POSITIVE, TELL ANYONE YOU HAVE HAD SEX WITH, OR HAVE SHARED NEEDLES AND TAKE CARE THAT YOU DON'T SPREAD THE VIRUS SEXUALLY OR THROUGH IV DRUG USE!"

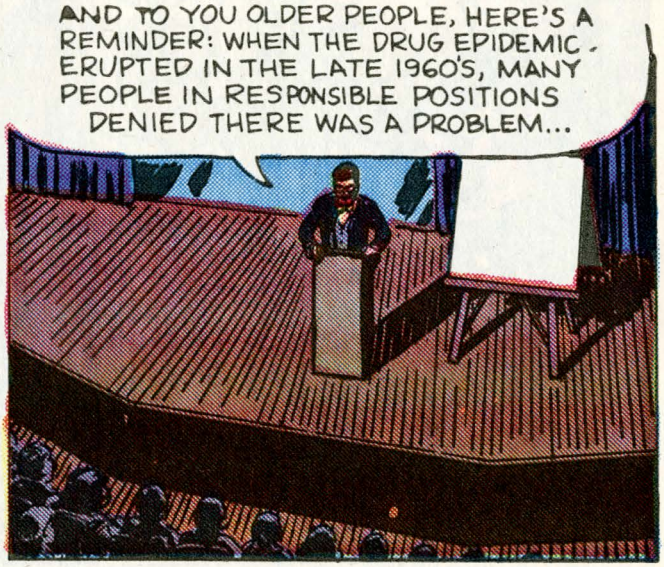

SHOULDN'T A MAN ALWAYS USE A CONDOM? WILL THAT PROTECT THE OTHER PARTNER IF ONE OF THEM IS ALREADY INFECTED?

"CONDOMS, WHEN USED WITH THE PROPER LUBRICANT THAT KILLS VIRUSES, ARE THE PRUDENT WAY TO PROTECT AGAINST AIDS FROM SEX RELATIONS. IF CARELESSLY USED, THEY, TOO, COULD FAIL TO GIVE PROTECTION..."









"HOW **WRONG** THEY WERE! YET, TODAY, WE HEAR ECHOES FROM THE PAST..."

ME AFRAID OF **AIDS**? OF COURSE NOT! ONLY A FEW PEOPLE GET IT; IT WON'T HAPPEN TO ME!

BOY, IS **HE** WRONG!

WE DON'T TALK TO OUR STUDENTS ABOUT SEX AND **AIDS**. THEY'RE TOO YOUNG FOR THAT KIND OF TALK.

YES, NOW AS IN THE PAST, SOME PEOPLE CLOSE THEIR EYES TO REALITY RATHER THAN FACE THE SHOCKING FACTS...

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AIDS WORLDWIDE DEATH TOLL COULD REACH MILLIONS BY YEAR 2000

Washington, D.C. — Health and Human Services Secretary Otis R. Bowen warns that although progress is being made, a worldwide AIDS epidemic is underway. At the rate the disease is spreading it can be expected to reach plague proportions before the end of the century. Carriers of the virus are found on every continent.

ESTIMATED ONE AND ONE-HALF MILLION AMERICANS NOW CARRY THE AIDS VIRUS

Washington, D.C. — Surgeon General C. Everett Koop, in a report on AIDS, warns that at present there is no vaccine to prevent the disease and no cure. The AIDS virus is transmitted sexually and by sharing needles and syringes among illicit drug users. Infected mothers also can pass along the virus to their unborn children.

HOW ABOUT YOU? DOES **AIDS** CONCERN YOU? IT SHOULD! OUR NATION AND THE WORLD FACE A HEALTH CRISIS... SO REMEMBER...

1. AIDS IS A KILLER
2. AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO CURE...AND NO VACCINE TO PREVENT AIDS
3. THROUGH KNOWLEDGE OF HOW THE DISEASE IS SPREAD AND BY AVOIDING RISKY SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, AIDS CAN BE PREVENTED
4. THOSE WHO ARE INFECTED WITH THE AIDS VIRUS DESERVE YOUR COMPASSION AND UNDERSTANDING

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AND EVERYBODY'S PROBLEM.

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